

IMPORTANT CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

The documents accompanying this telecopy transmission contain confidential information belonging to the sender which is legally protected. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named below. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this telecopied information is strictly prohibited. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone (collect) to arrange for return of the telecopied document to us.

TO: Examiner Arden B. Sperry - United States Patent and Trademark Office

Fax No. 571-273-8300

Phone No.

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FROM: Bridget Brinkman (Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate)****APR 06 2006**

Fax No. 513-634-3612

Phone No. 513-634-3400

Application No.: 10/656,488

Inventor(s): Ryo Minoguchi et al.

Filed: September 5, 2003

Docket No.: AA602M

Confirmation No.: 8376

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET AND**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 6, 2006, to the above-identified facsimile number.

Bridget Brinkman (Signature)

Listed below are the item(s) being submitted with this Certificate of Transmission:**

- 1) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages)
- 2) PTO-SB08 (2 pages)
- 3) PCT International Search Report (4 pages)
- 4)
- 5)

Number of Pages Including this Page: 2**Comments:**

****Note:** Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, OR this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

(FAX-USPTO.doc Revised 11/18/2005)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/656,488
Inventor(s) : Ryo Minoguchi et al.
Filed : September 5, 2003
Art Unit : 1771
Examiner : Arden B. Sperty
Docket No. : AA602M
Confirmation No. : 8376
Customer No. : 27752
Title : ABSORBENT ARTICLE INCLUDING AIRLAID
MIXTURE MATERIAL CONTAINING
THERMOPLASTIC FIBERS TREATED WITH
PHOSPHATE ESTER OR SULFATE ESTER

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
APR 06 2006

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made on the attached Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), copies of only foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited reference that is not in the English language is provided.

The International Search Report from the PCT/EPO is noted on page 2 of the PTO-SB08 and a copy is attached.

APR-06-2006 15:11

P&G INT'L PATENT

513 634 0819 P.03/09

Appl. No. 10/656,488
Atty. Docket No. AA602M
Customer No. 27752

Respectfully submitted,

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY



Signature

Roddy M. Bullock

Typed or printed name

Registration No. 37,290

(513) 634-0870

Date: 3/4/5
Customer No. 27752

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</p> <p>(use as many sheets as necessary)</p> <p>SHEET 1 of 2</p>	COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
	Application Number	10/656,488
	Confirmation Number	8376
	Filing Date	September 5, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Ryo Minoguchi
	Group Art Unit	1771
	Examiner Name	Arden B. Sperty
	Attorney Docket Number	AA602M

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No. ¹	DOCUMENT NUMBER Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US- 4,988,345	01/29/1991	Reising	
		US- 5,899,893	05/04/1999	Dyer et al.	
		US- 6,120,783	09/19/2000	Elder et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT</u>								
EXAMINER INITIALS*	Cite No.[†]	Country Code[§]	Number[§]	Kind Code[§] (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T[¶]
EXAMINER						DATE CONSIDERED		

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 37 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PTO-SB08 (Revised for P&G use 11/5/2004)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</p> <p>(use as many sheets as necessary)</p> <p>SHEET 2 of 2</p>	COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
	Application Number	10/656,488
	Confirmation Number	8376
	Filing Date	September 5, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Ryo Minoguchi
	Group Art Unit	1771
	Examiner Name	Arden B. Sperty
Attorney Docket Number	AA602M	

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 37 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

PTO-SB08 (Revised for P&G use 11/4/2004)